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The Highland Storm Pee wee boys team celebrates after beating the Ingersoll Express 4-2 in the OMHA Pee wee B championship on Saturday, March 28 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm overcame a 2-0 deficit at the start of the third to win 4-2 and take the series (3-2) and win the championship. More on page 22. /DARREN LUM Staff



Kinmount to host Highland Games

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A taste of Scotland is coming to Kinmount for the first time this summer.

The Kinmount Fairgrounds will present the first Kinmount Highland Games and Celtic Festival starting at 10 a.m. (rain or shine) on Saturday July 11. They will showcase the high pitched sounds of the bagpipes, the precise footwork of dancers and the display of brawn and technique during the heavy events.

Guy Scott, Highland Games committee member and spokesperson, believes Kinmount is the perfect fit for the games.

"The games will be great for Kinmount. We have such an under-utilized fairgrounds. To attract people you need to make your village a destination. This will be one more petal on the flower. For such a small village as Kinmount, we try to have the most unusual events, features. This will certainly help," he wrote in an email.

He said back in 1983, Kinmount hosted a successful Highland Tattoo – a Highland Games without the competitive events – at the fairgrounds to celebrate the Ontario bicentennial.

Scott said he isn't certain how things will go, but is confident there is great opportunity for success.

There has been a group of local residents

see KINMOUNT page 4

MH buys chunk of Walker property

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

After years of discussion, Minden Hills will purchase a portion of the former Walker's Auto Repair property on Highway 35, where the township plans to construct a new fire hall.

During a March 25 meeting, Haliburton County councillors voted to proceed with

the sale of the portion of the property not occupied by the county's new EMS base to Minden Hills for \$362,776.

The county purchased the five-acre property in 2010 for \$385,000. It spent hundreds of thousands more extending the Minden Hills water and sewer system beneath Highway 35 to service the property. The county's bill to date for property and servicing costs (that's exclusive of construction of the EMS base) is

approximately \$725,000.

"This is a happy day for Minden Hills," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "This has been a five-year journey to get to this point. I hope this is shades of more things to come between the county and Minden Hills."

Devolin thanked the previous council, including Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, for their work.

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Minden Canadian Tire gets new owner

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden’s Canadian Tire will have a new owner come this fall.
Steve McLean is selling the Water Street store, purchasing a Canadian Tire in Thornhill.
“Bottom line, it was a business decision,” McLean says.

“There was an opportunity to buy a bigger store.”
McLean has been the owner/operator of the Minden store since it opened in May of 2012.
He and wife Leigh-Ann have become attached to the community during their time here.
“Certainly, the people,” McLean says of the things he’ll miss. “We’ve made some friends here. It’s going to be tough to leave that behind.”
He’ll also miss the Haliburton Highlands landscape.
“I’m a pretty outdoorsy guy, so it’s been great that way,”

says McLean, who enjoys ATVing, snowmobiling, fishing and hunting.
He’s also been involved in the community as a hockey coach and member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board.
Once the couple is settled in the GTA, McLean says they are planning to purchase a cottage in the county.
The store’s new owner will be Terry Gregorini, who also owns and operates a Canadian Tire in Exeter, Ont.
The deal will close in late September.

Farmers’ market pilot gets green light from MH council

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers’ Market Association will set up shop in downtown Minden this summer.
Minden Hills councillors approved a one-year pilot market during their March 26 meeting.
Starting June 20, the market will be set up Saturdays in the municipal parking lot off Milne Street, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Association representatives visited councillors at a Feb.

25 meeting, requesting permission to host the market.
During a March 26 meeting, community services director Mark Coleman told council staff had met at the site with association reps.
“So we better understand their needs,” Coleman said. “We’re confident we can do this this year as a pilot.”
Reeve Brent Devolin said the township had received correspondence from other farmers’ market associations, including the one in Kinmount, expressing concern a market in downtown Minden might cut into their business.
“We’ll do what we can to minimize adverse effects

to others,” Devolin said. “We sit here as councillors for Minden Hills. This is a great thing for Minden Hills.”
The pilot market will run each Saturday from June 20 to Aug. 29.
Minden will be the third location for the Haliburton County Farmers’ Market Association, which operates successful markets in Carnarvon and Haliburton’s Head Lake Park during the summer months.
Since 2009, gross vendor income has grown from \$44,000 to to \$285,000.



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Warden’s breakfast

Haliburton County Warden and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Tuesday, March 31 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Fearrey recognized the importance of small business to the economic prosperity of the county and encouraged strong customer service. He also wants county council to work more with the chamber when it comes to issues relevant for small businesses.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Sunshine List released

by JENN WATT
Editor

Local public institutions released the salaries of employees making more than \$100,000 last week in compliance with provincial legislation.
At Fleming College’s Haliburton School of the Arts, four staff members (the principal and three professors) made the so-called Sunshine List with salaries ranging from \$124,000 to closer to the \$100K mark.
Haliburton Highlands Health Services had 10 staff members on the list with salaries ranging from \$180,000 for the CEO to about \$100,000 for several registered

nurses. The chief financial officer and a registered technologist also made the list.
All of the area’s school principals make about \$116,000, with the high school principal making \$125,000. The board’s director of education makes \$225,000. A couple of vice-principals were also on the list.
At the county’s various municipal governments, many senior staff were on the list. At the county, the chief administrative officer, the treasurer, the head paramedic and head of public works were all listed. In Dysart et al, the CAO is on the list. In Algonquin Highlands the CAO and the treasurer are both on the list. And in Minden Hills the CAO/treasurer is also on the list.

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Notice to readers

Due to a printer’s error, delivery of *Progress 2015* has been delayed. The publication, which highlights the community’s vision and aspirations for the Haliburton Highlands, will be distributed in the *Minden Times* and on newsstands soon.

Resident requests new dog licensing protocol

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

One Minden Hills resident thinks the township is going to the dogs.

Sue MacDonald visited township councillors at their March 26 meeting, asking the township to explore a new licensing system for canines, as well as a standardization of dog bylaws amongst Haliburton County's four-lower tier townships.

"Most municipalities are behind the times," MacDonald told council.

She suggested the municipality initiate a lifetime licensing and micro-chipping program, adding the township's current licensing program doesn't give residents any incentive to get

their pups licensed.

"For \$10 a year, we don't offer anything, so that doesn't encourage anybody to license their dogs," MacDonald said, adding that some municipalities charge as much as \$75 for dog licensing, but offer certain services – such as picking up and housing stray or lost dogs – in return. "And then everybody knows where to go and where to pick them up."

MacDonald said according to Statistics Canada, there are approximately 2,800 dogs in Minden Hills and that according to the township, some 200 dog licences are issued per year.

"Under six per cent isn't very good," she said, indicating that in Sudbury, some 60 per cent of dogs are licensed.

MacDonald said licensing even a quarter of the dogs in the township at \$50 a head would mean a sum of \$35,000 that could be placed in an animal management account.

She suggested that dogs be micro-chipped so they can be

tracked when lost. The microchips are rice-sized and are inserted under the skin between a dog's shoulder blades.

Dogs can be chipped as young as eight weeks old.

"Most dogs are registered internationally, so if you lose your dog in France, we can find it," MacDonald said.

While it costs about \$75 to have a dog micro-chipped at a vet's office, MacDonald said the service could be offered for as low as \$25 at a rabies clinic and indicated that local vet Dr. Jenn Morrow, as well as a number of volunteers, are willing to help.

MacDonald also asked the township consider the idea of an off-leash dog park.

"This will be the genesis of discussion between members of council and staff," said Reeve Brent Devolin, indicating the matter would be referred to staff for the creation of a report.

Minden Hills passes on festival for 2015

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

There won't be a large music festival at the Minden fairgrounds this summer, but Minden Hills councillors are hopeful that such an event will proceed in 2016.

In December, John Teljeur made a presentation to Minden Hills council, pitching a three-day music event that would be known as The International Festival of Water and feature music by famous rock and blues acts, as well as authors, speakers and films focusing on issues of water protection.

The request was for a three-year contract for use of the fairgrounds, as well as in-kind contributions from Minden Hills staff. In return, the township would get a cut of ticket sales - \$5 per ticket the first year, \$7 the second and \$10 per ticket the third year.

The event would be orchestrated and promoted by Wolfgang Siebert's Earthproductions, the goal being for it to draw between 10,000 and 20,000 people to Minden during three days. Siebert is an acquaintance of Teljeur.

At their December meeting, councillors granted the event approval in principle, voting that the draft agreement be reviewed by legal counsel and that a report be brought back to the council table.

That report, along with correspondence from Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman to Siebert, was reviewed by council at a March 26 meeting.

"Staff and members of council have completed an initial

review of the draft agreement and materials provided to date and from the township's perspective, there are a number of articles in the agreement that require further clarification or enhancement," Coleman's letter to Siebert read. "We would like to propose that the township work towards drafting some of these changes, and that we meet collectively to discuss."

Coleman suggested that the event be held in 2016, rather than 2015.

His letter indicated that township requests for further information – including a second annual event date as well as letters of support from stakeholders and adjoining property owners – had not been met, that drafting a final agreement and having it reviewed by the solicitors of both parties would take considerable time, that a meeting of stakeholders – including adjacent property owners – should be considered and that township had other sizable projects and community events to manage in 2015.

Minden Hills is involved in the planning of the Toronto Pan Am/Parapan Games, the whitewater events for which will take place at the Minden Wild Water Preserve in July.

Siebert responded with a letter to council.

"While other festivals grow and enrich their communities and new major festivals come on line in 2015 and 2016, bringing much needed tourist dollars to those fortunate communities, it would be most unfortunate for the Township of Minden Hills to continue to study, consult, wait and miss this opportunity to improve the quality of life for each and every resident of Minden Hills," his letter read. "Let me ask you, how many other groups have approached you to run an ongoing major international water festival in the past few years?"

Just us! Based on that, how many offers and opportunities are coming in the future? It has been our experience in running festivals that if you have the political will, you will make it happen and very quickly. As a result, we are questioning your commitment to this."

"2015's off the table for a number of reasons," said Reeve Brent Devolin, referring to technical logistics, among others. "We continue to support it in principle."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she thought the idea was great, but that there wasn't sufficient time to get the event properly planned for this summer.

"If you sign in for a three-year agreement, you want to make sure the first year is very successful," Murdoch said.

Devolin stressed the township is interested in the festival and other cultural events.

"At no time do I want the public to think we are not committed to this event or something like it," he said.

Teljeur told the paper he was disappointed by the outcome and hoped the township and the promoter could firm up an agreement for 2016.

Teljeur had brought the same proposal to the previous Minden Hills council in 2012, but council did not feel there was enough information to proceed with a multi-year agreement.

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Township money from land sale to replenish county reserves

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"It's about time," Murdoch said of the transaction. Minden Hills intends to eventually construct a new fire hall on Highway 35, freeing up the downtown property occupied by the current hall for another purpose.

For a period during the last term of council, it looked as though Minden Hills and Haliburton County might partner on a joint fire hall/EMS on the former Walker property and the two governments split costs on some preliminary studies.

However, in early 2014, it became clear that while the county was ready to press ahead with construction, Minden Hills was not.

The county will now finalize the legal description of the property and prepare the purchase agreement.

"The agreement will contain a provision that should the Township of Minden Hills no longer require the lands for municipal purposes, the county will be able to purchase the lands back at the price paid by the township," read a report from chief administrative officer Jim Wilson.

The transaction is expected to be finalized this spring. Minden Hills will use money from reserves.

The county will use the money from the sale to help replenish reserves used on the project. The bulk of the EMS project is being financed through a \$1.7 million loan.

Kinmount to provide ideal Scottish backdrop for Highland Games

from page 1

who have always supported the idea to host a Highland Games.

A history buff, Scott said with a name like Kinmount having a Highland Games makes sense.

Kinmount House is the name of a 19th century Scottish country house and there is a reference to a famous poem, *The Ballad of Kinmount Willie*.

With the closest games in Sutton and Bracebridge, Kinmount is an ideal location when it comes to area communities of Peterborough, Haliburton and the Kawartha Lakes.

The terrain of the area, he adds, is also perfect for the Games.

"Thanks to the Kinmount Fair, the Games can be held in a true 'Scottish' setting of rolling hills, rocks and trees at the Kinmount Fairgrounds," he wrote.

Admission is for the games is \$10.

It is followed by the Kinmount Moonlight Mania.

Scott's years of experience with helping organize the Kinmount Fair are an invaluable asset for the games.

"I have learned a lot of organizational skills from the fair and also how to utilize the physical grounds. The event is also a good chance to promote the Kinmount Fair. You can never have too many people," he wrote.

He adds there will be close to 100 Highland dancers from all over Ontario who will come to compete.

Scott hopes this event will be included as part of the Highland Games circuit of competition stops.

Held in Haliburton for years before it was cancelled the past few due to finances, the Highland Games is returning to the area because the committee has reorganized the event and new financing, Scott said.

Funding for the event is coming from sponsors such as the

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Thanks to the Kinmount Fair, the Games can be held in a true 'Scottish' setting of rolling hills, rocks and trees at the Kinmount Fairgrounds.

— GUY SCOTT

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City of Kawartha Lakes from the Kinmount Planning and Economic Committee and the Kinmount Fair, including various local groups.

A lot of money, he said, was saved because of the fairgrounds' existing facilities.

Just like other games, there will be Scottish dancing, pipe bands, entertainment featuring various related acts, local artisans, a children's area, vendors and heavy events (caber toss, hammer throw). Specifics about who and how many will be announced closer to the event.

After the event, Scott wants spectators to be left with a memorable impression so they return the following year.

"The Highland Games are so different from other sporting/cultural events. They are unique. We want people to say they enjoyed the Games or had fun and would come back. It's easy to have good indoor events, but outdoor events ... it is something to be proud of," he wrote.



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Burger joint approved

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 26 meeting of Minden Hills council:

Councillors granted commercial exception zoning to a property off Highway 118 in Carnarvon where the owners of Rhubarb restaurant plan to build a seasonal, takeout burger restaurant. Despite a number of businesses that have operated on the property – most recently a bait and tackle shop – the 3.5-acre property, located across the highway from Rhubarb was zoned hamlet residential. The owners of Rhubarb are hoping to have Boshkung Burger running this summer.

Personnel committee struck

The Minden Hills personnel committee for the current council term will consist of Reeve Brent Devolin, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Jeanne Anthon. The township currently has a call for applications out, looking for members of the public to sit on several advisory committees.

Parks master plan moves ahead

The township will award the creation of a parks, recreation and trails master plan to Plan

by Design for approximately \$44,000. The township will pay approximately \$12,000, with some \$10,000 coming through a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and another \$22,000 coming through a provincial grant.

While the bid from Plan by Design was not the lowest received, Reeve Brent Devolin said both the community services director and the township's planner believed the proposal to be the one that best suited the township's needs.

"Value is what we're talking about here," Devolin said. "And value is not always the lowest price."

The reeve told staff he encouraged more analysis-based recommendations, as opposed to those based solely on the lowest bid.

CIA pleased with projects

The local Communities in Action committee is pleased with a number of projects it says have enhanced Minden's walkability in the past few years. These include the extension of the Bobcaygeon Road sidewalk to Highway 35, four-way stops along Newcastle Street and the removal of snow from Loggers' Crossing bridge (part of Riverwalk) during the winter.

This spring, beginning on the May long weekend, the committee will be initiating a pilot survey looking at the economic impact of cycling on the community.

Land trust director resigns

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

After a year at the helm, Larry O'Connor has left his position as the executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

O'Connor's resignation was announced through a press release issued by the organization on March 25, with the board of directors thanking O'Connor for his work and wishing him success in his future endeavours.

"Larry and the board had some differences in ideas of directions for the future and Larry chose to resign," said Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board chairwoman Dianne Mathes.

O'Connor was hired in March of last year, following a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant the land trust received to fund the new position.

The chairwoman said when the land trust hired O'Connor, the contract included a clause that allows either party to end the relationship at any point during the two-year term.

"And he has chosen to end his contract," she said. "We have a continuing contract with Trillium [for the position]."

When asked why he resigned from the position, O'Connor said he finished his contract.

"I'm done my work there," he said.

The former executive director said he has no immediate plans, other than to spend more time with his wife.

"We moved up here to retire and I kind of disappointed her by going back to work too soon," said O'Connor. "I've got lots of things to do around the house."

Looking back on the past year, O'Connor said there has been an extensive amount of work done by the not-for-profit group focused on land preservation and protection.

He points to the turtle road mortality project as one major achievement of the land trust.

"It's a great organization," he said. "The

turtle road mortality project is a huge project that's probably one that will stand the test of time ... the volunteer engagement was huge. There's a lot of positive things happening at the land trust."

O'Connor said he is resigning as executive director effective immediately, but plans to stay in the community.

"I've set up a whole year's worth of activities for them to follow and hopefully they'll carry through with it and I wish them all the best," he said.

Moving forward, the board will meet to discuss next steps for the organization, said Mathes.

"Obviously there's a process that the board goes through when an executive director chooses to resign or end their contract," she said. "We will be engaging in that shortly ... but what that looks like we don't know yet."



Larry O'Connor resigned as executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust last week. /File photo

Wild water preserve gets network upgrade

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Minden Wild Water Preserve will get improved wireless network access in advance of July's Pan Am Games and those improvements that will remain after the sporting event is over.

The preserve is the site for the games' whitewater events, which are expected to draw hundreds of people, including media, to the venue along the Gull River.

"It appears . . . the network is going to be overloaded," Adam Fulford, manager of field services for CanAcre Ltd., told Minden Hills councillors when he visited them on March 26.

CanAcre is acting on behalf of Bell Mobility and Fulford was in council chambers to explain the "small cell" system the company will install at the venue.

While Industry Canada is the governing

body when it comes to telecommunications infrastructure, its protocols instruct that companies consult with local land use authorities – in the case, the Township of Minden Hills – on such projects.

"Once you get a lot of people trying to access the network in one location, it gets overloaded," Fulford said.

With existing wireless infrastructure, he said users would see "full bars" on their devices, but have no service.

Improvements will mean that attendees will have full voice and data activity, including the ability to video stream events in real time.

The system will not use large towers, but instead antennae mounted on poles. Three four-metre poles are to be installed and a fourth antenna will be mounted on the lodge building at the preserve.

"I'm very happy to hear it's a legacy project," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

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Selective sunshine

WHEN IT COMES to transparency, the province is selective at best.

Sneaky at worst. Last week, the Ontario government released its annual public salary disclosure list.

Often called the “sunshine list,” it was introduced as a checks-and-balances measure by the Mike Harris government in the 1990s and makes public the salaries of provincial employees who earn \$100,000 or more per year.

There are of course more names on the list every year and for 2014, more than 111,000 public employees made the benchmark, an increase of almost 14 per cent from the year before.

Some of these public salaries are exceedingly easy to find.

The local health unit, much to its credit, faxes this information right to the newspaper.

That’s transparency. That’s accountability.

I can tell you that 11 employees at the local health unit are on the list, bringing in a combined total of more than \$1.4 million for 2014.

The salaries of other provincial employees – OPP officers, for instance – are much trickier to track down.

Unlike township employees, who are listed by municipality, or educators, who are listed by school board, the names of OPP officers are included in a giant, alphabetical list released by the Ministry of

Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Surnames and positions are listed, but not locations.

In the past, the paper has received a staff list from the local detachment, cross-referencing those names with the public disclosure list released by the ministry.

This becomes difficult to do when, as was the case this year, the local detachment announces it has been instructed by its corporate communications wing not to release current staff lists to the public.

The disclosure of OPP salaries is, to some extent, dependent on the co-operation of the OPP themselves.

What a farce.

A framework designed to facilitate transparency is, at least for some public employees, subject to

obfuscation.

If the province is serious about accountability, which, as we all know, it isn’t, it will change the framework so that the salaries of all public employees are as easily disclosed as others.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Congratulations

A big congratulations to the Peewee boys and Midget girls Highland Storm teams on their provincial victories. As a tiny community with a smaller pool of players to draw on than many of the communities it competes against, the odds are, quite literally, against Haliburton County. It’s a truly impressive feat.

KWARKY



“GREAT CRUISE EXCEPT THE ISLANDS FLOODED.”

Steer clear

YOU MIGHT HAVE heard of Hurricane, Utah where uproar about a highly realistic bull statue has finally been settled. If not, brace yourself.

The story goes something like this. A restaurant owner placed a huge bronze sculpture of a bull over the sign of his establishment. And unlike the Ken and Barbie dolls my sister once owned, that statue was anatomically correct – so an enterprising kid didn’t have to draw things on it.

The problem, as always, with anatomical correctness is that people want to cover it up and pretend it’s not there. So there were complaints. Apparently many of them – and they caused quite a stir in the community.

One day, however, the owner addressed those complaints as only a western restaurant owner can. He removed the bull’s bullhead, making that bull a steer.

I’m not exactly clear on whether tensions were relieved in town. There seem to be other issues at play too.

Still, a message was sent loud and clear. First, business owners, no matter how staunch, eventually bow to public pressure. Second, people, for some reason, do not appreciate public displays of genitals. No, they’d rather see this in the privacy of their own home, on the Internet.

This second point is what puzzles me most. That bull – and I’ve seen photos of it pre-op – was actually a well-done and realistic work of art. And, frankly, I have problems when people edit art.

The way I see it, the artist spent time – apparently a whole lot of it too – creating those bull parts. And the artist presumably did so because he or she thought it enhanced the portrayal of the animal. Clearly, there is no pornographic intent.

On the other hand, I do understand that people might not want to be distracted by oversized bull parts while driving, unless they are hanging on the trailer hitch of the truck in front of them. Or maybe, they don’t want to have to explain it to their kids. Or feel inadequate.

Any of these reasons could have caused the objections, I suppose. And when people object this strongly it probably makes sense to do something about it. I would have handled it differently though – with boxer shorts.

I’ve given this a lot of thought actually.

Probably, far too much. If what I saw was true, briefs or a Speedo wouldn’t have done the job. Boxers are really the only option. Or loose slacks, but that would have just looked silly.

Call me crazy, but I think that would have been a good compromise. The owner would have been able to resell his bull in its unaltered, original form.

The townsfolk would have just had oversized underwear to complain about. And some lucky seamstress would have had more work.

Unfortunately, the situation went to extremes quickly. Which means in some pawn shop out there is a set of copper bull genitals being sold at a bargain price. Again, I’ve given this too much thought.

So does anyone win? The townsfolk will probably be upset for years to come. The artist who created that sculpture probably thinks they are immature hicks. The owner is probably resentful because of all the issues it created.

So what does any of this mean? I’m not sure, but I’d bet money that there will be no nudist conventions there in the near future.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

letters to the editor

Straight flushes

HERE'S A CONFESSION: Last week was Canada Water Week, and I forgot. Completely.

I'm not sure what I was supposed to do if I had remembered, however I had a good excuse for not remembering. I mean why would any country have national water week when most of its water is two feet thick and strong enough to walk across? We won't see ice-free water in Haliburton until May this year.

The Ontario government did not forget. It issued a stunningly vacuous news release advising people to turn off the tap during teeth brushing, to buy low flush toilets, and to create rain gardens. (I've always wanted a rain garden.)

What it did not mention is one of the most serious problems facing water-based sewage systems: wet wipes. Pre-moistened wipes are plugging sewage plants around the world and costing taxpayers millions of dollars.

They are a factor in the creation of "fatbergs," those huge congealed masses of sewage that have plugged city sewage systems. One "fatberg" in London, England weighed 15 tonnes and was the size of a double-decker bus.

One U.S. sewage plant reports spending an extra \$30,000 a year on electricity because of clogs. Another plant reports clearing 80 tons of clogs each month, the equivalent of eight elephants. Ontario's Durham Region removes a large bin of non-disposals every day from its sewage plant.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The problem is people's attitude that you simply depress the toilet handle, hear the gurgle and Presto! out of sight, out of mind. Some research shows that only 14 per cent of the wet wipes market is flushable. The manufacturers say users are to blame because they don't read the labels.

In Britain, beach goers are being reunited with their flushed wipes. Wipes are flushed into sewers leading to plants that break down and treat sewage before piping it into the ocean. The tens of thousands of wipes that do not break down are deposited on beaches by incoming tides.

Britain's Marine Conservation Society says that the number of used wipes found on British beaches has increased 50 per cent. The society said that for every kilometre of beach it cleaned it found 35 wipes.

Moist wipes are a much appreciated bottom line builder for the household paper products industry. Their sales rose 23 per cent to \$367 million between 2008 and 2013 says Mintel Group Ltd., an international market research firm.

The ubiquitous Dr. Oz helped push the market along. He touted flushables for their health benefits and told audiences that he used them himself. Last fall, however, he and his camera crew were taken on a tour of a New York City area sewage plant. He suited up, climbed into a dumpster filled with wipes removed from sewer apparatus and announced:

"After seeing all of these wipes, I'm officially switching back to toilet paper."

Back in the studio, Dr. Oz put wipes soaked for 48 hours into a kitchen mixer. Like the ones taken from the sewage plant, these didn't break down.

Dr. Oz can be a bit hyper intense, however, and he had to come up with an alternative. He suggested a spritzer to dampen regular toilet paper before using it. Thanks for that idea, Dr. Oz.

Plain old, dry toilet paper has worked for most people in modern times. It has been a huge improvement over corn cobs, tree leaves, or pages from the Sears catalogue and the *Farmer's Almanac*. French royalty, of course, used lace.

The problems wet wipes create in sewage systems have resulted in calls for more definitive standards for flushable wipes. The best standard in my opinion is a separate bin. Toilets are designed for two things only: body waste and degradable toilet paper.

You don't need to be a scientist or sewage engineer to figure out that wet wipes are not for sewage systems. You learn that really quickly when your sewage system is a septic tank that you have to look after yourself.

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Please say yes to study

To the Editor,

We know that the mental health of children and youth is an important determinant of their school achievement, of their social relationships and of their developing abilities. In 1983, the Ontario Child Health Study raised concerns about the large number of four- to 16-year olds experiencing mental health challenges – one in five – and the very small number receiving any form of care. In response to that study, Ontario initiated a number of community-based programs to support families and promote positive development in children. Since then, rising income inequality and other demographic shifts have increased the stress on families. These changes, along with media reports about the tragic effects of family violence and youth bullying, have raised concerns about child and youth mental health among government leaders, educators and the public-at-large.

Now more than ever we need accurate information about child and youth mental health to inform discussions about our concerns and what to do about them.

Researchers from McMaster University, together with

a national team of academics, are currently conducting the 2014 Ontario Child Health Study in your community. Statistics Canada is inviting 13,500 families to participate across 180 communities. However, I recently learned that many families are hesitant to participate. Why is this? In the 1983 Ontario Child Health Study, 91 per cent of families participated.

We agree that child and youth mental health is important and that we need a better picture of what is happening in our province. If you get a call from Statistics Canada asking to participate in the Ontario Child Health Study, I urge you to say yes. This is a chance to be heard, and by being heard, to contribute to a study which will benefit the health of your children and community in the years to come. We all want to improve the lives of our children and youth. You can help by participating – the usefulness of this study depends on it.

Lynne Franke,

Manager of Family Health

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Money for airport but not road

To the Editor,

Re: "AH offers agreement to Bear Lake Road residents"

Reading this story reminds me of similar cases of road issues regarding seasonal ratepayers and townships lack of care.

If the Reeve Carol Moffatt tries to gate the road, she better be ready for a visit by the OPP. Or better yet, she reads the Ontario Road Access Act before she acts and saves the taxpayers some money.

Odd, there is money for the airport but not for a municipal road servicing seasonal ratepayers? The excuses that the municipality has for not servicing the road are weak. If a private person can plow then why can't the municipality do it? In other townships, private contractors are hired by

the municipality for similar cases. Tax money is spent trying to increase people to the area in winter yet the ratepayers who want to come up in winter are turned back.

The arguments of the road being in the wrong place are frivolous. There are many municipal year round roads not in the right place. It is time that municipalities realize that they have to look after the ratepayers that were allowed to build and use the road by the municipality. Did the municipality charge other ratepayers directly for their roads improvement? Is there a toll gate at the park?

Perhaps toll gates at entry points to the township would be next.

How about a lower tax rate for seasonal residents?

Charles Gerditschke

Moore Lake and Pickering

This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the April 1, 2005 issue:

Nearly 100 people fill the Minden Legion to hear Barry Butler talk about the need for affordable seniors' housing in Minden. A proposal from Giffels Design Build would have placed a three-storey, 80-unit seniors apartment building on the Brown Owl Restaurant property along Highway 35, at a cost of \$10 million. With a lack of grants, the project would have required funding from the community. Canadian Tire would eventually be built on the property.

Minden Hills council unanimously denies rezoning requests to create quarries along the Lochlin esker, between County Road 1 and Lake Kashagawigamog. A public meeting drew significant opposition to the concept, with residents citing environmental concerns. Councillor Ingram Wessell said voting in favour of the applications would amount to "political suicide."

From the April 2, 1990 issue:

The MNR lays charges against a Minden developer and contractor under the Fisheries Act after a washout occurred along the Gull River and materials the province said could endanger spawning areas washed into the river. The men were heading to court, facing a maximum of fine of \$50,000.

The Haliburton County Board of Education approves the sale of the former Lakeview school property in Haliburton to Fleming College for \$390,000. The board had been planning on housing extra classes at the site due to overcrowding at the Victoria Street School. Instead, Grade 3 classes were moved to J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

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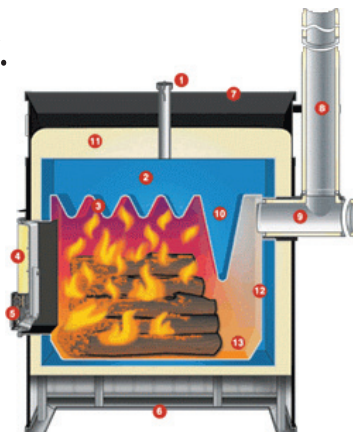
Easter is on its way and with it come a few major hazards – one of them being the sugar crash that comes with all those delicious candies and chocolates. Proceed with caution. /TIM TOFFLEMIRE Special to the Times



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Seniors programming gets federal dollars

by JENN WATT
Editor

Haliburton County initiatives received more than \$87,000 to improve seniors programming and facilities across the region from the federal government.

Through the New Horizons for Seniors program, SIRCH Community Services, Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Highlands Museum all received money.

The Safe At Home Project through SIRCH received just under \$25,000 to provide 200 seniors in the county with home safety audits.

Money will go to a part-time co-ordinator, volunteer and staff travel and some equipment and repairs, SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said.

The audits and case management will be done by trained volunteers. The project will help the seniors “develop a plan to access priority equipment and repairs to decrease their risk of falls or other injuries,” the project summary reads.

Abbey Gardens in West Guilford received a little more than \$13,000 for benches and trails, creating space on their property where people can walk with ease, executive direc-

tor Heather Reid said. A small amount of the money will go to part-time staff, she said.

Additionally, Abbey Gardens is developing a seniors advisory committee. “The idea of the advisory committee is to invite interested individuals and organizations to the table to provide advice and direction related to new programs,” Reid said. Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact Reid.

She said those who visit Abbey Gardens are already largely within the senior population, so improvements would directly benefit them as well as make the centre more appealing for new visitors.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild received almost \$25,000 “to encourage seniors to capture, promote and preserve the culture and heritage of Highlands East through collaboration between three volunteer heritage organizations,” a press release from MP Barry Devolin’s office reads.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum also received \$25,000, which will be used to “allow seniors involved with the organization to plan and deliver programs such as community gardens and winter sports.”

More than 13,000 projects across Canada have received New Horizons funding since 2006.

Casey leaves Pinestone

Dennis Casey has decided not to continue as general manager of Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

On March 26, he announced on Facebook that “after two days I have discontinued my employment at Pinestone.”

In an interview with the *Times*, Casey said it was an amicable agreement not to continue

with plans that would see him running the resort, conference centre and golf course outside of Haliburton.

“I decided it wasn’t for me,” Casey said.

Casey started at Pinestone on March 23.

The *Times* has not yet heard back from Vrancor Group, which owns the resort.

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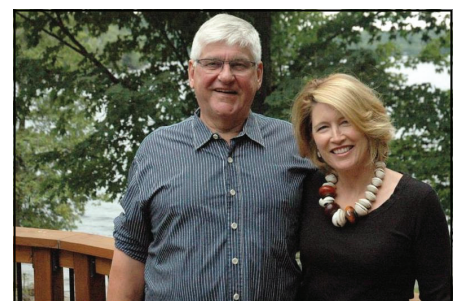
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Parks Canada prepares for spring melt

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Greg Cooper takes long strides up Brady Lake Road, the sun glistening on his forest green uniform, the remnants of winter lingering in the frosty air.

With a long, plastic tube swung over his shoulder, Cooper breaks his stride every few hundred metres and redirects his trek into the forest, stopping a few feet away from the road.

The tool he is carrying makes its way into the snow covered ground, turned in a clockwise direction until the wooden handles won't turn any further.

He pulls it out, examines the measurement on the side of the device and makes a mental note of the number in his head.

The snow he has collected is then released into a white pail he is carrying, before he heads back to the main road.

"Twenty-two, twenty-two, frozen," Cooper yells out, to ensure his measurements are heard and recorded by the dam keeper in the Parks Canada vehicle trailing him on his journey.

This exercise is repeated again, further up the road at another location marked with a green flag.

Cooper, who is in his late 50s, has been conducting this type of exercise for more than 30 years as an employee of Parks Canada, in preparation for the spring melt.

An operations manager for the Haliburton area, for Cooper the process of snow sampling is a methodical and finite exercise, one he takes on with precision and flair.

On this particular morning the sun is shining and the air is crisp but warm, signs that spring is making its way to the Highlands but isn't quite yet ready to move in permanently.

Cooper has been sampling the snow throughout the county on a weekly and bi-weekly basis for the past few months, starting the first week of January, visiting various areas throughout the Highlands, testing snow at 20 sites per area.

With a serrated edge at the bottom of the core sampling tube, the device measures the overall depth of the snow, the snow then measured by its weight, to try to determine how much water is in the snow. Water content in a snow pack can be influenced by temperature, thaws and other factors.

"There are seven survey sites on the Trent-Severn Waterway," said Jewel Cunningham, director of Ontario's Waterways for Parks Canada. "They're scattered throughout the watershed. The intent is after they collect it [the snow], first they figure out the depth of the snow, but then the water content in it and from there they'll calculate what the expected inflow in the spring will be into all the lakes ... we have to make sure we have capacity in the lakes then to be able to retain that water to prevent flooding."

The sampling practice also tells waterway staff other indications of when and how the spring melt will occur, on a year by year basis.

"This also tells us whether the soil is frozen, frozen dry or frozen wet," said Cooper.

"When the ground is frozen it has less ability to absorb the water content as well, so we'll know the flows will come faster, it goes straight into the water system quicker," said Cunningham.

This year appears to have an average snow depth, said Cooper, however water levels are slightly below average.

Each measurement is recorded and added to a collection of data kept by Parks Canada, information used to prepare staff accordingly.

However no amount of data can counter Mother Nature, says Cunningham.

"The only thing we don't have is Mother Nature and how much rain we're going to get. So that's always the unknown and in the spring of the year sometimes that can be a big issue," said Cunningham.

Staff rely on historic numbers, to help estimate weather pat-



Haliburton area operations manager for Parks Canada, Greg Cooper holds up a snow core sampler during a routine snow sampling exercise on March 24 on Brady Lake Road to prepare for the spring melt. This sampling happens on a weekly basis from January until there is no more snow left. ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

terns and prepare for an influx of water.

However in the lean years, when there is less snow than usual, staff have to collect water to ensure there is enough to maintain recreational activities.

"We've started to improve our technology for snow surveying, so while the guys are doing this manually we've also this year installed a number of automated gauges," said Cunningham. "It's just to supplement the information we get."

Close to a hundred hydrometric monitoring gauges are located throughout the TSW, monitoring water levels and flows of all the water bodies throughout the watershed as well.

"So we can get information in real time from those gauges," said Cunningham.

Hourly updates will give staff more information, which will in turn help with the decision making process.

Looking to the future, more and more of the measuring techniques will become automated, saving staff hours of driving time.

"We go from Apsley, up to Wilberforce, down to Cobocok," said Cooper. "We control 45 reservoir lakes [in the Haliburton sector]."

Prior to joining Parks Canada, Cooper owned what is now known as the West Guilford Shopping Centre. He sold the store so he could spend more time with his young family.

A long-time resident of West Guilford, Cooper began working with Parks Canada as a summer employee when he was in his mid-20s.

"It turned into a career ... I enjoy it very much."

"He's a big source of information for the team. Every year we're asking him how does it look, Greg? and what do you think?" said Cunningham.

The origins of the waterways throughout the county date back to the logging industry, a once vital part of the economy.

The TSW is made up of two major watersheds, those being the Trent and Severn, which encompass approximately 18,000 square kilometres, said Cunningham.

"So essentially the water management function is a 365 day



Dam keeper Callum Wood, right, holds up a bucket to help measure water in a snow pack. Water content affects the spring water flow in area lakes.

a year job," she said. "It's not only navigation but also managing all the water."

Collected data is sent to the water management engineers, who monitor the entire Parks Canada system, who then make decisions on dam operations and water management activity.

"This time of year is really a key time for us ... ensuring all the dams are fully functionable and operational," said Cunningham.



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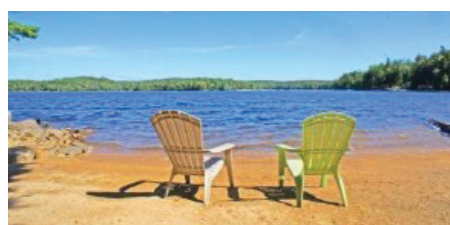


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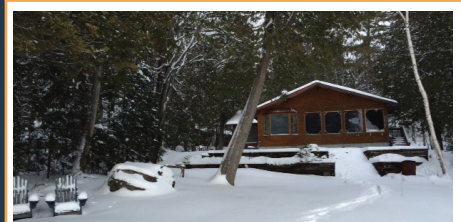


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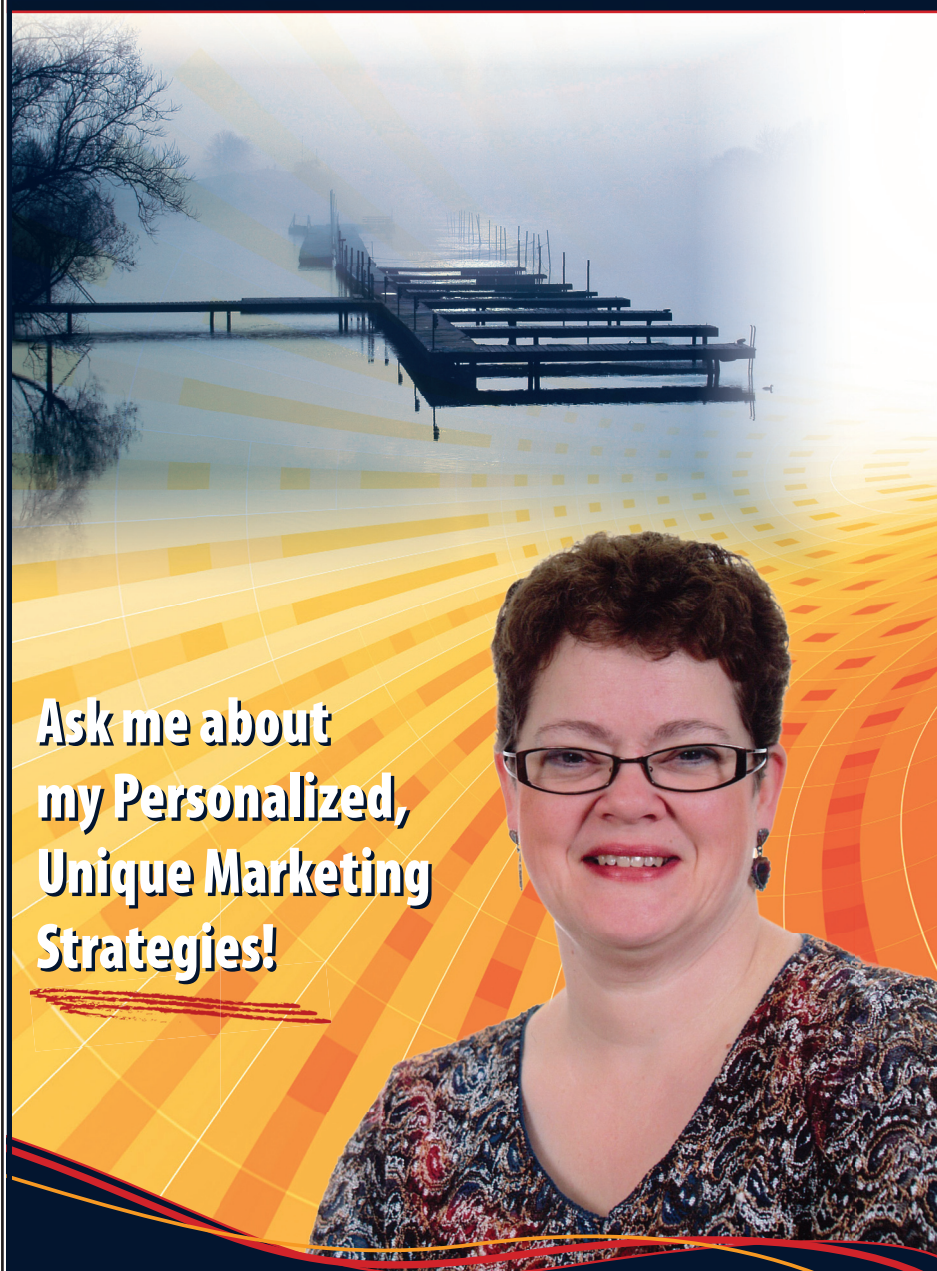
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Avoid wildlife collisions

From March 1 to March 25, members from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 14 motor vehicle collisions involving deer. None of the occupants of the vehicles was injured, however, the vehicles sustained extensive damage.

Drivers are being asked to be vigilant and to watch for large wild animals crossing roadways throughout the area this spring as wildlife becomes more active.

As drivers, many of us are aware that any contact between a motor vehicle and an animal can result in significant damage and in some cases even death.

Wild animals are unpredictable at all times. On average, there is a motor vehicle/wild animal collision every 38 minutes in Ontario.

One out of every 17 motor vehicle collisions involves a wild animal

89% occur on two-lane roads outside of urban areas

86% occur in good weather

Reduce Your Collision Risk

Watch

Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. When you see wildlife beside the road, slow down and pass carefully as they may suddenly bolt onto the road.

Watch for the yellow wildlife warning signs that indicate an area of increased risk. Slow down when travelling through these areas.

Use high beams at night where possible and watch for glowing eyes of animals.

Steer

Stay in control. Watch your speed and take extra precautions when driving at night as visibility is greatly reduced. Slowing down will give you that extra second to respond.

Never swerve suddenly. This could cause your vehicle to go out of control or head into oncoming traffic.

Brake

Brake firmly if an animal is standing on, or crossing, the road. Never assume the animal will move out of your way.

Stop

Stop as safely as possible if a wild animal is crossing the road. Remember, deer often move in groups. If you see one, know there are likely more in the vicinity.

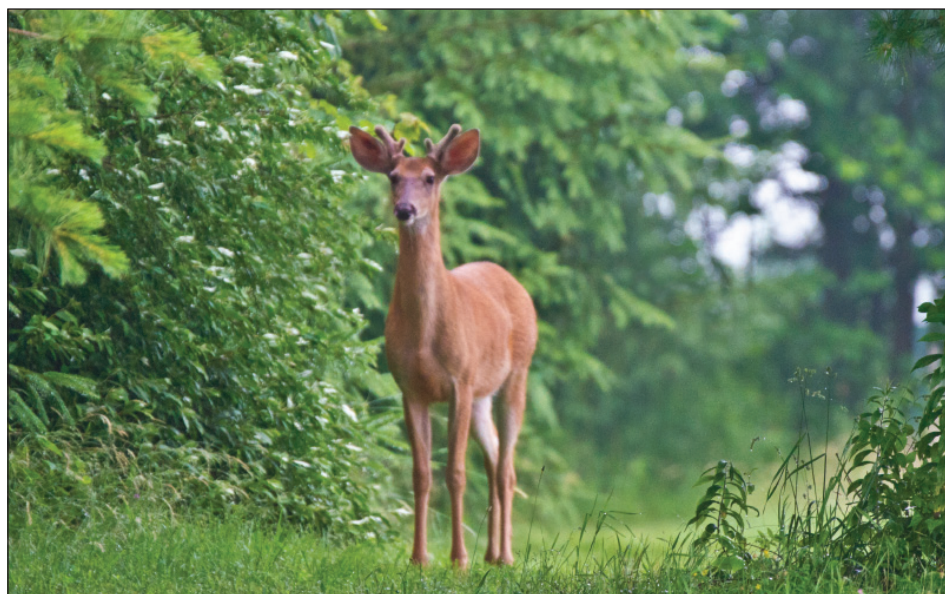
If possible, avoid driving during dusk or dawn when most wildlife collisions occur. Swerving to avoid hitting a wild animal may result in a more serious collision. If hitting a wild animal is unavoidable, remember to stay in control.

People who live adjacent to highways are encouraged not to feed deer as this increases the probability of motor vehicle collisions, resulting in more personal injuries and increased deer mortality.

Motorists should watch for these potential problem areas and drive carefully when passing through them.

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Health services expecting surplus

by JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 26 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

More than \$1.7 million was received by HHHS in one-time funding, which is 7.5 per cent of the corporation's \$22.6 million budget. HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said thanks was due to the Central East LHIN, which released the funds for several different initiatives.

"We wouldn't be able to do some of the things we're doing now [without the funds]," board member Dale Robinson said.

"We've got new graduate nursing program funding, Ebola funding, non-urgent patient transportation funds, LHIN reallocation funds," he said.

Additionally, a location has been renovated and equipment purchased for the new staff coming to HHHS for the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network.

While all of the numbers are not yet in, it appears that HHHS will have a surplus this year, Robinson said.

Staff sick time is down 33 per cent over last year and overtime cost is down seven per cent.

\$1 million raised in a year

HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board that more than \$1 million was brought in during the fiscal year ending March 31.

To date, \$700,000 has been raised toward the Palliative Centre campaign, Making Moments Matter – a special groundbreaking ceremony for the build is expected in early summer.

Additionally, over the years the Foundation has funded more than \$585,000 in priority items including patient lifts, kitchen equipment, electric bath lifts, acute care beds and more. The largest of the priority equipment purchases being the ultrasound machine at nearly \$252,000.

Walker said the Foundation has committed to upgrading the

PACS system for \$200,000, priority equipment at \$300,000 and Community Support Services at \$100,000.

Upcoming dates for the Foundation include: April 30 – third early bird draw for Cash for Care; May 20 – info evening on planning financial gifts and reducing taxes; July 23 Golf Classic fundraiser at Pinestone.

Fearrey honoured for longtime service

HHHS director of facilities and projects Peter Fearrey was honoured by his employer at a special ceremony in March for his 40 years of service.

Forty-four staff members reaching milestones in their careers were acknowledged at the service awards at the Minden facility.

Eskedjian said that HHHS was "truly grateful" for the service Fearrey and all of the staff had given to the corporation over the years.

Reporting system to improve efficiency

By this summer, a program called Hospital Report Manager will be up and running, allowing records from the hospital to flow to the Family Health Team. Discharge and diagnostic reports will automatically be accessible from the doctors' office after being filed at the hospital.

Eskedjian explained that the current system is considerably slower, as it takes time for files to be transcribed, faxed and scanned.

Minden ER to serve Pan Am Games

The Minden hospital site is prepared to handle any medical situations arising from the kayaking event during this July's Pan Am Games.

One physician has been dedicated to the games, Eskedjian told the board, and the hospital is preparing to take any patients from the international event.

Following a question from board member Charles Simon, the CEO said there was no monetary reward for helping out.

Simon said during the G8 in Huntsville HHHS had received some money for being on standby in case of emergency.

Better communication

HHHS is hoping to improve communication with the public by enacting a new plan. One of the five goals of the recently approved strategic plan, the board members said they hoped to see more engagement with the community about services and planning.

Eskedjian said he intends to bring back a report on how communications are going twice a year examining goals and outcomes.

Community committee reports

David Coulson of the new Community Advisory Committee told the board the group had been busy getting up to speed on the county's health-care services.

While the committee hasn't been operational for long, Coulson said they have already identified one major challenge: people don't always know who to call to access services.

Discussion on publishing a blue book that lists programs available was tossed around, he said.

Eskedjian said HHHS is also working on getting one central phone number people can call to find out what services are available.

Digital documentation system to go live

The corporation's two long-term care homes now have digital systems in place for personal support workers to document what interventions have been done with residents.

Called Point of Care, the system is accessed through screens outside residents' rooms and PSWs are expected to input information about what care they have given right after visiting the resident.

Part of the success of Point of Care is about how immediate the documentation is, Eskedjian said.

Documentation is key to getting funding, he explained.

The nursing staff already have their own system called Point Click Care. These two systems are integrated.

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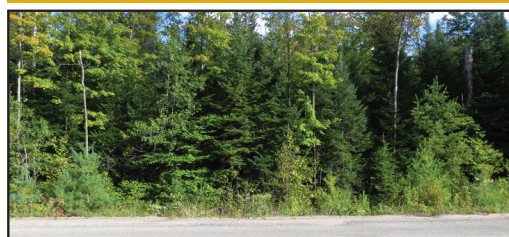
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EMS base nearly complete

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 25 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Haliburton County's new EMS base is nearly complete. EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones told councillors the project along Highway 35 in Minden is on schedule and that it's estimated the department will be able to move into the base as soon as March 31.

Jones said the building had received final inspection and the department was just awaiting telephone lines to be installed.

Landscaping and the installation of an air-conditioning unit are expected to be completed in late spring and an official opening ceremony will be held in May.

MTO grant application successful

The rural transportation options committee of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative was successful in obtaining pilot funding from the Ministry of Transportation for the establishment of a ride-sharing network in the county. The grant is for more than \$77,000 and will be met with more than \$30,000 from other funding sources.

As per application requirements, Haliburton County is acting as banker and custodian of the provincial funds.

New deputy-clerk appointed

Councillors appointed Michele Moore as the new deputy-clerk of Haliburton County. Moore has been with the municipality since 2011 and replaces Angela Balle, who recently retired from the position. The county clerk is also its chief administrative officer, Jim Wilson, who is scheduled to retire this spring.

Rail trail signage

Roads director Doug Ray asked councillors to think about whether they'd like to create rules for signage along the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

"We don't really have a policy on the trail with respect to signs," said Ray, indicating some signs were popping up along the corridor.

"I would be supportive of a policy that allows appropriate signage," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, adding this could include signage for accommodations or food.

"We don't really need a sign for an upholstery company on the trail," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Proposed Planning Act changes worry councillors

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors are concerned about changes the provincial government is in the process of making to the Planning Act.

Bill 73 – the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act – had first reading in Queen's Park on March 5.

"The [act] is intended to give residents of Ontario a greater say and ability to participate

in how their communities grow," read a report from county planning director Charley White. "The amendment proposes changes to the provincial planning framework by amending both the Development Charges Act, 1997 and the Planning Act."

The changes are based on public consultations the government undertook between October of 2013 and January of 2014.

The proposed legislation would put a number of restrictions on the planning activities of municipalities.

Highlights included in White's report are that following the adoption of an official plan, no person or public body would be able to request an amendment for a two-year period; where there is simultaneous repealing and replacement of all a municipality's zoning by-laws, that no person or public body would be able to submit an application for amendment for two years; and that where a site-specific zoning bylaw has been approved, no person or public body may apply for a minor variance from the provisions of the bylaw for a two year period following the passage of the bylaw, unless a resolution permitting such an application has been passed.

"That's crazy," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

"That would just literally freeze us," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey. "I think we've got to get mobile here, because that's devastating."

"It has definitely perked some interest across the province," White said.

Devolin wondered when the bill was scheduled to go to second reading in the provincial legislature.

"Between first and second reading is when the heavy lifting usually takes place," he said.

White believed June.

"The Ontario's warden's caucus should be on this right now," said Fearrey, adding the restrictive proposed changes should also be brought to the attention of the chamber of commerce.

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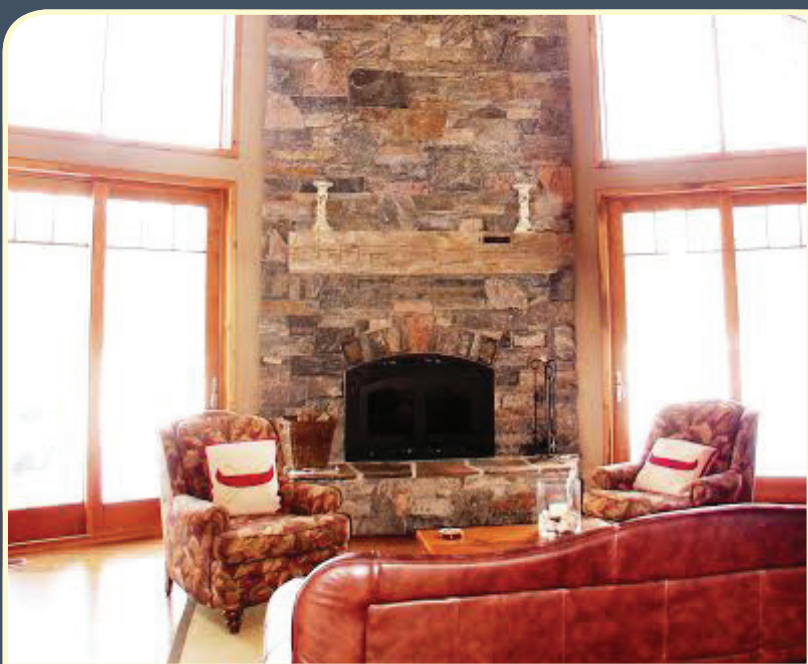
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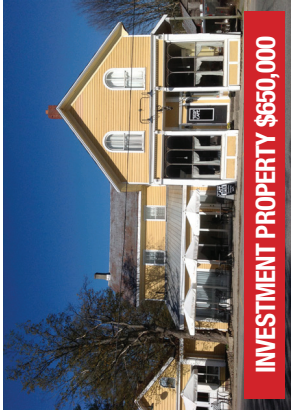


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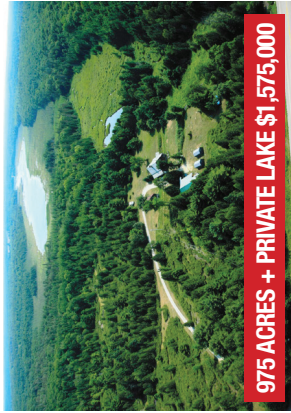
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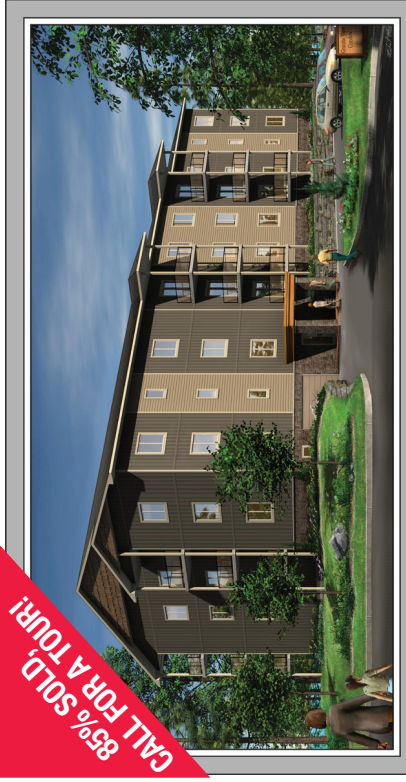
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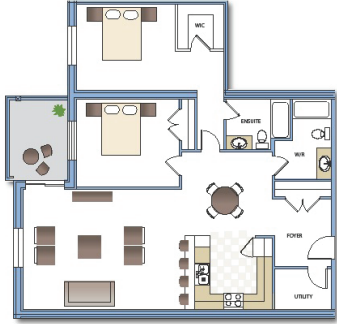
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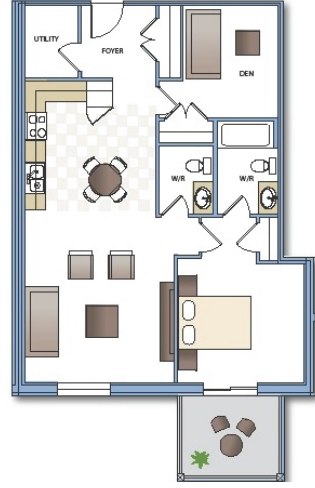


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Bouwmeister buys Wigamog resort

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

One of Haliburton's grand resorts is heading into a new chapter.

On March 30, Gary Bouwmeister confirmed to the paper he had purchased the former Wigamog resort, located on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog on Wigamog Road.

The owner of a landscaping and renovation business, which operates in the Greater Toronto Area and Haliburton Highlands, Bouwmeister decided to buy the former resort the day it went on the market.

"I knew the place was power of sale ... and I've had a

few visions to bring it back," said Bouwmeister. "Right now just working on different plans and ideas."

More than 40 acres in size, the property also includes many buildings and opportunities. The closing date for the purchase is May 14.

"This is a unique property in our midst and [I'm] looking forward to this challenge," Bouwmeister told the paper.

With long-standing ties to the area, Bouwmeister, 53, used to spend summers with his family at Willow Beach in the 1970s.

"Then I bought my first cottage on Kashagawigamog back in 2002 and we used to go there quite a bit, snowmobiling and boating, etc," he said.

Bouwmeister eventually decided to bring his landscaping

business to the Highlands, seeing an opportunity to expand his business and serve cottagers like himself from the GTA.

"I saw this property that came up for sale ... eventually I want to retire up there and I felt that this way I could be in close proximity of my investment," he said.

The owner is not ready to disclose too many details about plans for the property, but is hopeful about what the future holds for the resort.

"I'm very excited," he said.

The Wigamog ran for many decades as a resort, conference centre and spa until closing its doors in 2009. The previous owners reopened part of the resort in 2011, however it has not been operating for the past few years.

Legion involved in standing committee for vets



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Many of you have heard the expression "having an out-of-body experience", well I'm having an out-of-province experience so your Legion news may be a bit erratic for the next month! The Internet a great tool to stay connected with people and things that matter most to us. Minden is blessed by having one of the most beautiful Legion branches that I have ever had the privilege of seeing. Come join us out today, because we are much more than a building. Did you know that there is an act of federal government which recognizes and supports the work of the Royal Canadian Legion with our veterans and still serving members of the armed forces?

On the Dominion Command website www.legion.ca, I learned that last week the our Legion representatives in Ottawa were asked to appear before the government's standing committee on veterans' affairs, to present our concerns and recommendations regarding the unique needs of veterans and their families during their transition to civilian life. Last year alone, the Legion's nationwide offices of professional Service Officers prepared and represented disability claims of more than 3,000 veterans to VAC and the Veterans Review Board. There is an essential local link to this work, the volunteer service officers in over 1,400 Legion branches. They are eyes and ears in the community, the first contact for our veterans, whether or not they are a member of the Legion. Referrals also come from nursing homes, homeless advocates and family members. In the Minden area, the process starts with Al Mayo, service officer for many years in our branch, and there is also another branch service officer for Haliburton and one for Wilberforce too. No other group has this kind of direct contact, interaction,

provision of support and feedback from veterans, their families and caregivers. It does not matter whether you served for a short period in our country's armed forces, (or even those of her allies) or you retired after 20 years service in War or peacetime, member of the Legion or not, a veteran is a veteran, and the Royal Canadian Legion will assist in whatever way we can to get the help you need and deserve. Go on line, read the Legion's presentation to the standing committee, it's an eye-opener to learn what is happening in Legions across the country to help our veterans.

By the time you read this, the general membership meeting will have taken place, and the process for nominations started for 2015/2016 executives and officers. Elections take place in May, so please consider your contribution to the Royal Canadian Legion in our area. We cannot operate a Branch without someone to take responsibility for its operation. Minden Branch will be open on Good Friday, serving our fish and chips supper starting an hour earlier than usual, from 4 to 7 p.m. this week only. Takeout is available, call ahead to 705-286-4541. Next week you have the honour of hearing about the Pilgrimage of Remembrance. April 8th the Royal Canadian Legion's 2013 Pilgrim, Belinda Wilson from Fenelon Falls will lead the audience through the battlefields of France and Belgium, using video, song and pictures. This is also the same day as our free dinner for our Minden area veterans and their spouse or caregiver. To reserve your spots, please talk to Al Mayo at 705-286-2011.

The Highland Trio is coming back to Minden Legion on Saturday, April 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Their down-east, old country and to-tapping style is always great entertainment and there will be an open mike session between sets and pub-style snacks to keep your hands clapping! No cover charge, just a donation for the band at the door.

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Storm recovers game, wins provincials

by **JASON MORISSETTE**
Peewee Head Coach

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee Rep team took on the Ingersoll Express on Saturday, March 28 at the Minden arena. The game was set up for what was to be a historic Highland Storm hockey story in the making.

Both teams had already shown great skill and equal desire to win, being tied in this OMHA all-Ontario best of five championship series at two games each.

The Minden arena filled to capacity with hockey fans from all around, excited to see one of minor hockey playdowns great moments, being a final Game 5 for the Peewee Provincial Championship.

Our Peewee team started the game with both great excitement and nervousness at the same time.

As the first period began the Ingersoll Express seemed to have the jump on a tentative Storm team by scoring from the point within the first minute of the game.

The Express continued to take advantage of the slow start by our Peewees. Continuing on the defensive, the Storm would take two penalties during the period but were luckily able to kill both off with a strong disciplined penalty kill.

As the second period began our Storm team still seemed to have trouble shaking off the lead and played a low risk forecheck. The Express took liberty once again on an aggressive rush down the wing by Brennan Rupert and scored their second goal of the match.

Our Storm team at this point seemed to rise up and push back late in the second period forcing the Express to take a penalty late at the end of period two.

Going into the intermission Ingersoll had the upper hand sitting on a 2-0 lead. The start of the third period had the Storm still on an opportune power play.

Gaining the Express zone Nigel Smith passed back to Aaron Bellefleur who moved it across to a scoring point man Ryan Hall. Our Storm team had awoken and began a classic third period come back.

No more than two minutes later, would Alex Little head man the puck to Tyson Clements inside the Ingersoll zone. Clements



The Highland Storm's Peewee boys' captain Ryan Hall rushes the puck against the Ingersoll Express during the OMHA Peewee B championship on Saturday, March 28 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm overcame a 2-0 deficit at the start of the third to win 4-2 and take the series (3-2) and win the championship. /DARREN LUM Staff

would wire a top shelf shot for a huge game tying goal.

The Storm would continue to play their game with key back pressure from Braeden Robinson, Paul Turner and Cole Prentice.

At the five minute mark the Express would catch a break and go on a momentous power play. Our Storm players once again proved ready as Benn MacNaull and Isaac Little held firm to successfully help kill the penalty.

As the pressure mounted goalie Ethan Glecoff was focused and solid leaving little to no rebounds for the skilled Express shooters.

A frustrated Ingersoll team would then take a penalty with only two minutes left in the game. Our Peewees sensed their moment and set up well inside the Ingersoll zone. Alex Little would pass down low to Zach Morissette who in turn moved a pass to an open Joe Boice in the slot for a clutch go ahead goal.

With only one minute left the Express would be forced to pull their goalie for the extra man but our Storm were waiting in position.

In a very fitting way to seal Highland Storm's first ever Peewee Rep B all-Ontario Championship, our team captain Ryan Hall fired a long shot into an open Express net.

The final game score of 4-2 for our Storm left our fans cheering loud and proud for a group of players that have learned to never give up in order to achieve success in attaining your goals in sport and life.

It has been an honour and a privilege to

work with such fine young hockey (team) players, in a Highland Storm Peewee season to remember.

This success would not be possible without a strong team of volunteers working with our players over the past eight months. I would like to thank assistant coach Barry Boice, trainer Clay Glecoff, Ast trainer Chris Hall, team manager Fraenzi Morissette, goalie coaches Jordan Hamilton and Josh Bellefleur, equipment manager Larry Little, score reporting Jenn Little, team sponsor Minden Pharmasave,

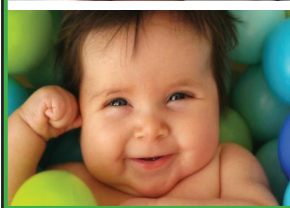
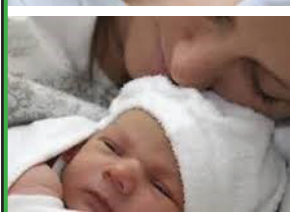
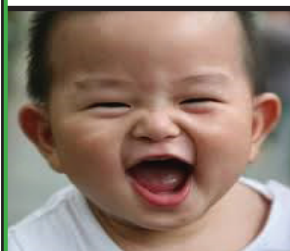
Highland Storm Executive and our player parents.

It takes a supportive team behind minor hockey teams to have fun and develop success, your contributions showed up in our players reaching their ultimate team goal to become OMHA Ontario Champions.

Thank you all on behalf of myself and our players. Go Storm Go!



The Highland Storm's Peewee goalie Ethan Glecoff slides across, taking away the low part of the net against Ingersoll Express forward Symon Hutcheson, far right, during the OMHA Peewee B championship on Saturday, March 28 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.



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Storm's Midget B Girls crowned LLFHL champions in Oshawa

The Minden Car Quest Auto Storm Midget B girls travelled to Oshawa on Friday to participate in the LLFHL (Lower Lakes Female Hockey League) Midget B League Championship. It was a representation of the top team from each of the four loops (Central, South Central, West and East) for the Midget B "Best of the Best" 39 team league playoff championship.

In a "March Madness" match-up, three of the four teams were the top finisher in each of their loops. Each team still had to qualify by winning three series to advance to the league championships - and in the end three of the first place loop qualifiers, along with a second place finisher, Caledon Coyotes (31 points), were able to do so. Mount Forest Rams (35 points), Highland Storm (39 points) and the top qualifier, Flamborough Falcons (40 points) made up the tournament representation.

The Highland Storm girls had one little wrinkle in their advancement to the league championship, as they had to play the highly talented, tenacious and aggressive Ice Kats from Peterborough in a "protest game." The extra game played at a neutral site with neutral referees was played at 10 a.m. prior to the championship tourney starting later that afternoon with the winner advancing. The Storm could clinch the series "again" with a win or a tie. After a scoreless first period, the Ice Kats gained momentum in the second period taking a 1-0 lead. Erin Little tied the game in the second with a beauty short-side wrister beating the Peterborough tender high blocker. The Ice Kats battled back and took the lead again early in the third period at 2-1. The Storm continued to pressure the Ice Kats throughout the third period. After a time-out with 2:04 left in the game and pulling their goalie, Erin Little netted her second goal of the game to tie the game at 2-2 with just 44 seconds left in the contest finding the twine off a goal mouth scramble. Peterborough failed to score another goal and the Storm solidified to tie the game, and their entry "again" into the league championship by winning this emotionally charged, high-pressured, action-packed series tilt. Great game, girls! The Storm (18-1-3) girls continued their day in Oshawa, sending the Ice Kats home, as the eastern loop Midget B league champions. Their first game was against the western loop champs - Mount Forest Rams (16-3-3). The four team "best of the best" round robin tourney would have the top two teams play for gold and the bottom two teams play for bronze. After two scoreless periods, Kennadal Marsden put the Storm up 1-0



The Car Quest Highland Storm Midget B girls' team had reason to smile after winning the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League Midget B Division Championship this past weekend in Oshawa. They won the championship, going undefeated (1-0-2) at the tournament to earn a gold medal final berth where they beat the Flamborough Falcons 1-0. /SUBMITTED by Leigh-Ann McLean

finishing off a rush down the boards going forehand backhand, putting home the rebound to take the third period 1-0 lead. The Rams never gave up and tied the game late in the third period. Great second game of the day girls.

In game two of the day (game three counting the Ice Kats) the Storm faced off against the South Central loop Champs - Flamborough Falcons who had the best season record (19-1-2) in an evening match-up. The Storm recharged themselves and took to the ice against the deep and talented Falcons. Erica Carmount put the Storm up 1-0 midway through the first period with a backhander that fooled the Flamborough tender. The Falcons never relented and put pressure on the Storm the bulk of the game with their strong skating and quick puck movement. Late in the third period, the Falcons tied the game at 1-1 as the Storm started to show some exhaustion and getting back on their heels instead of being on their toes and keeping the pressure on Flamborough. Great three game "undefeated" (0-0-3) effort girls in a day that started with such emotion and energy!

In game three of the championship tourney, the Storm needed a win to secure a birth in the gold medal finals. Taking on the central loop champs - Caledon Coyotes (13-4-5), the Storm did not want to play for a bronze by letting the Coyotes play spoilers. Using a good night's sleep and their energy reserves recharged for day two and the

championship finals, the Storm ramped up their level of play. Kennadal Marsden and Alicia McLean both netted a pair and Kelsey Maracle chipped in with a single defeating Caledon by a score of 5-2. The win put the Storm (1-0-2) in the gold medal final against the tough Flamborough Falcons (2-0-1) at 8 p.m. In the gold medal game, the Falcons came out flying, taking their attack to the Storm who struggled early to find their upper gear. After two scoreless periods and killing a few penalties, Sydney Feir capitalized on a rebound and slapped home a goal mouth scramble early in the third period to give the Storm a 1-0 lead. The Falcons kept attacking and the Storm kept battling back. Moving their feet and moving the puck allowed the Storm to keep Flamborough struggling to sustain consistent pressure as the clock wound down. With dying seconds left in the game, and a failed clearing attempt by the Storm, the Falcons had a golden opportunity to tie the game with less than 10 seconds in the game, but Connor Marsden "shut the door" and showed "the wall" of defence to secure the gold medal. Wow! Great team effort Storm girls! You are LLFHL Midget B League Champions! You are the "best of the best!" Good luck at the all-Ontario provincial finals on April 10 to 12 in Erin Mills.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



Figure skaters golden

The Haliburton high school figure skating team displays their gold medals after winning the Eastern Ontario High School Invitational Figure Skating Competition in Arnprior on March 24. From left, Ariel Weiss, Larissa Stephenson, River Christiano, Vivian Collings, Skye Miscio, Shae MacNaull (captain) and Madi Allaire.

HHSS staff supervisor Jackie Mayhew is proud of the team who secured excellent results in singles, pairs, dance and team events placing top five in 27 of 28 events and representing HHSS with integrity and excellence. She would also like to thank Jane Symons for her continued support of the team's participation in this school event, financial sponsors Dollo's Foodland, T.J. Welding & Enterprises, parents Kelli MacNaull and Kelly Allaire and Mr. Marsden for his continuing to support our efforts to put HHSS on the figure skating map...a goal achieved this year! Submitted by Jackie Mayhew.

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Happy Easter from Minden's churches



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard ... Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius – the pilot!"

The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Rev. Max say that ...

As a fellow private pilot, I always get a kick out of pilot jokes. Happy Easter everyone! I hope that you all have a great holiday with family and friends. Holidays come from a long tradition of "Holy Days" where people would make the time to observe their religious tradition. It would be great to see you all again soon at our Easter services. Oddly enough, the above joke partially refers to the Birth Story of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas and also the Death and Resurrection Story of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter and all year long. It can be amusing when children try their best to understand our religious tradition but might get some of the order of things a little mixed up or even mixed up with the technology of the present! Bless them for trying to understand a complicated history and tradition of faith.

Traditions are something that we are examining in the United Church as we undergo a process to help remain a vital part of the community in the years to come. Mark G. Toulouse, current principal of Emmanuel College in Toronto, has these sage words to say about tradition and change in the college's latest newsletter.

"In today's world, if you mention the word "tradition," you are likely to start an argument. On the one hand, there are those who are primarily oriented toward the future and who can see nothing worthwhile in tradition. On the other hand, there are those who remember with fondness the virtues of the past and they defend tradition with all they can muster. All each can do is to talk past the other.

One side attacks tradition, while the other defends it. But both sides of the argument have one thing in common. They both believe that tradition and change have nothing to do with one another, and both are wrong! They are, I think, confusing "tradition" with "traditionalism." What do I mean exactly? Jaroslav Pelikan, longtime historian and theologian at Yale Divinity School, once wrote: "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living. Tradition lives in conversation with the past, while remembering where we are and when we are and that it is we who have to decide. Traditionalism supposes that nothing should ever be done for the first time." (The Vindication of Tradition, 1984). Pelikan said the same thing again in a bit simpler way late in his life, when he received the John W. Kluge Prize for the Study of Humanity in 2004: "Take what you have inherited from your fathers [and mothers] and work to make it your own."

While traditionalism is incompatible with change, tradition and change are fully compatible. Consider our own lives: We live in the present but only as persons who are shaped by our past. We reshape ourselves in light of the experiences we encounter today and tomorrow, but we do so in the midst of an encounter with our lived experiences of the past. For Christians, we affirm that God acts in human history in our past, our present and our future, pulling us forward, asking us to make decisions in contemporary contexts that will provide for more justice, not less.

Tradition and change: Can the two exist together? Indeed they can. I suppose one could even argue that a healthy view of tradition actually leads to change."

Mark Toulouse has expressed so well the struggle that many of our local churches have been engaging in; the struggle to honour the traditions that have been established over the years and yet make room for new traditions to emerge through the ideas and experiences of new people in our congregational lives. Minden United Church is making that journey together with the community and invites anyone interested in joining us on that journey to discover and rediscover new and renewed traditions in our lives. Come celebrate new life in Christ with us this Easter and help us forge new and meaningful traditions together for the years to come.

Sincerely, Rev. Max Ward, Minden United Church

Some upcoming April Church Community Events include:

* Sundays 11 a.m. – Kids Time weekly program

for ages four to 12 (Minden United)

* Wednesday, April 1 5:30 to 7 p.m. – Messy Church (St. Paul's Anglican)

* Thursday, April 2 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service (St. Paul's Anglican)

* Friday, April 3 10:30 a.m. – Good Friday Service (Minden Bible Church)

11 a.m. – Good Friday Service (St. Paul's Anglican)

* Sunday, April 5 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service (Minden Bible Church)

10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service (St. Paul's Anglican)

11 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service (Minden United)

* Tuesday, April 7 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Kool Kids Kooking Klub (St. Paul's Anglican)

* Monday, April 13, 20, 27 7:30 p.m. – Juggling The Journey, five week session (Minden United)

* Wednesday, April 15, 22, 29 5:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study, Life Group 3D Dinner/Devotional/Discussion Series begins (Minden Bible Church)

* Monday, April 20, 27 10 a.m. – "Epiphany Explorations" four week discussion series begins (Minden United)

* Sunday, April 26 11 a.m. – Sunday Service/Joyful Noisemakers/ Lunch (Minden United)

The contents of this monthly column in the Minden Times are supplied by:

* Rev Max Ward – Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. – 705-286-1470 (Sunday Services and Kids Time 11 a.m.)

* Rev Joan Cavanaugh-Clark – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. – 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services and Kids' Club 10:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist)

* Pastor David Johnson – Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd., 705-286-1338 (Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.)

* Father Peter Selvaraj – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-4117 (Mass Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.)

Wine, words and music returns

All are welcome for a pot luck lunch with a service afterward on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Knox United in Dorset.

The Lake of Bays United Church will be hosting a Good Friday Service at Pioneer Memorial, Hillside on Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at the Dorset Parkette on Sunday, April 5 at 7 a.m. and Easter Services later the same day as follows: Pioneer Memorial United, Hillside - 9:30 a.m., Stewart Memorial United, Dwight at 10:15 a.m. and Knox United, Dorset at 11:30 a.m.

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish will be hosting a Good Friday Service in Baysville at St. Ambrose on April 3 at 1:00 p.m. and Easter Services on Sunday, April 5 will be 9 a.m. in Dorset (at Knox United), 10 a.m. in Baysville and 3 p.m. at St. James, Port Cunnington.

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed on Good Friday, open regular hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, then closed Sunday and Monday, re-opening at 9 a.m. for regular hours on Tuesday, April 7 at 9 a.m. All the staff at the rec centre wish you a safe and happy holiday!

New at the Dorset Recreation Centre! "Dorset Craft Connections" on Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Drop in for company while working on your favourite crafts; knitting,

crocheting, beading, quilting, scrapbooking, crosswords, sketching, whatever your pleasure! Anything you like to do while meeting new people, socializing, and sharing ideas and skills. Or just come for a coffee! The coffee and tea will be on. All are welcome! Cost is \$1 per person. Contact the rec centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 for more information.

Tickets are now available for Dorset's 11th annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art. This popular event celebrates the arts in Dorset on Friday, April 17 with the art, book and CD walkabout starting at 6:30 p.m., readings and music start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the Recreation Centre. Light refreshments will be provided and entry is limited to those 19 years of age and over. Contact the rec centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 for more information.

Happy Easter everyone!

Birthday wishes for March 29 to April 4 go out to Cole Greenaway, Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Evan Coombs and Karla MacKay. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

- Melissa Alfano



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Poop patrol hits the streets with spring

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse The Weather Network is on tap as we watch for segments featuring our youngest daughter. The subject is a less pleasant sign of spring arriving in pet owners' backyards. Talk about "calling a spade a spade" for over a year now Caitlin has worked for "Poop Patrol" a company providing yard cleanup and maintenance service of particular value to seniors and those with a physical disability. The winter weather brings many hazards but she finds the customers both two and four legged generally appreciative and for some people it allows them to keep their faithful companion. Other than an addiction to "The Young and the Restless" we find ourselves now generally disenchanted with much of the programming on television and turning more to channels such as Cottage Life and HGTV. For me there are even commercials which have become favoured over sitcoms. On the OSAP site I hope that young man who removes the splinter from his co-worker's hand gets into medical school or EMS training and that the motorized stair climber which the adult son has selfishly "borrowed" from his elderly mother jolts him back into reality. Empathy flows watching Mom holding onto the railing struggling hand over hand up those stairs while he surfs the net for the best hotel prices. I know all too well how she feels facing those fourteen steps up to our

bedroom after a long day.

Here are a couple of reminders for this Saturday, April 4. For the children bring your own basket to Austin Sawmill Heritage Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt but to give everyone a fair chance remember the event begins at 1 p.m. sharp. At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount it's Musical Meat Draw starting at 5 p.m. with entertainment by Ingoldsby's own Jeff Moulton featuring a variety of cover tunes from 60s, 70s and 80s. Admission is by donation with yummy food available and many chances to win butcher quality meat. Everyone is welcome to come out for a fun time.

Further to the Legion tickets are available for a Dinner Theatre evening on Thursday, April 30 at the Branch with doors open at 5 p.m. and a roast beef dinner at 6 p.m. Following dinner the play is a romantic comedy titled "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney starring two very talented Minden residents David McGill and Michelle Lewis. Tickets for this event are only \$15 and available at the Legion, Irondale General Store, Gateway General Store and Cafe (Kinmount) or by calling 705-488-3191.

Our area churches are offering Easter services throughout Holy Week and for specific schedules it may best to call the Church Offices directly. Some listings will also be advertised again in this issue of the *Times* or on the parish websites. Both Kinmount's St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Minden's Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church will have a special service on Good Friday afternoon and an Easter Sunday morning mass (please check for times at each of these separate locations) and Kinmount United Church will hold its Easter Sunday Service at the usual time of 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Desmond Howard presiding.

The next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group takes place on Wednesday, April 15 at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors open at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the Archives of Ontario will present "A Century of Ontario Photographs" their newest publication. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend. For more details contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

The Friends of the Kinmount Library will hold its monthly Book Sale on Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Branch. All books are only 50 cents with funds raised going to support programs at this busy Library. Your donations of good used books both hard cover and paperback are welcome and can be left in the specially marked drop box but please no texts or magazines.

The 21st annual Dinner and Auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Galway Hall with doors open at 5 p.m. Before dinner at 6:30 p.m. this social time also gives an ample opportunity to check out the items for the Live, Silent, country and loonie auctions all helping to raise funds for valued community improvement projects including the incredible floral baskets and plantings around the Village. This evening is always a sellout event so order your \$25 tickets early to avoid disappointment by calling 705-488-2635 or 705-488-2687.

We are looking forward to a family Easter dinner here on Saturday evening and send out warmest wishes for a Happy Easter to you and yours. Until next week keep busy and well, they go together . . .



County card scores

by Patti Fleury

488-2938

brucefleury1@hotmail.com

March 24 contract bridge at Club 35: Tied for first place at 5,500 were our reporter Margo Davidson and Ross Davies then Jackie Metcalf 5,430 and Pearl Foster 4,710. The Lucky Loonie went to Ev Morgan who teamed up with Ross Davies for a Small Slam.

March 24 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the top trio members were Billie Shuyler 4,020, Diane James 3,440 and David Gray 3,430.

March 24 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to our reporter Pearl Cowen and George Hamilton with 424 then Bev Alexander and Pam Pappas 406. In third spot at 386 were Joan Bell and Merv Elstone while Connie Sawyer partnered with Ray Lymer had the afternoon's low of 245.

March 24 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that Al Dyson won for most lone hands with Tracy Dyson high lady and Deanna Cooper low. For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Terry Davis low while Irene McDowell won the special prize.

March 24 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Dorothy McElwain 309, Georgina Parkes 266, Pat Norman 219 and our reporter Betty Wagar 216. First for the gents at 260 was Howard Smith followed by Ron Morrison 242, Bruce Metcalf 239 and Bill McKnight 232. Howard Smith won the major draw with Pat Marshall, Kevin Maloney and Bill McKnight claiming the smaller prizes. In the moonshot department Pat Roussel, Bob Pollard, Ida Young, Dwaine Lloyd, Shirley Milne, Ron Morrison and Garth Windsor had singles with Howard Smith doubling.

March 25 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies led at 67 percent then Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 58 percent.

March 26 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Pat Roussel 280, Muriel McIntosh 276, Clare Obdam 259 and Pearl Cowen 225. First for the gents at 286 was Pat Marshall followed by Marcel Roussel 257, Kevin Maloney 245 and Ida Young 223. Yvette Ezard won

for both the hidden score and call 1 with Dwaine Lloyd taking the card draw and a single moonshot along with Pat Marshall, Pat Roussel, Dorothy McElwain, Yette Ezard and Jason Peacock [2].

March 26 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to our interim reporter Betty Wagar and Kaye Bull with Irene McDowell and Harold Harvie posting the high scores. The evening's lows were claimed by Elaine Smith and John Deak with Kaye Bull the draw winner and Betty Wagar, Tom Orr, Harold Smith and Elaine Smith taking home the other prizes.

March 27 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell the winners were Linda Cherry and Kathie Porter 59 percent with Irena and Alek Zworski next at 57 percent.

March 27 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for both high hands and the special prize was Doreen Francis with Pat Bailey taking lone hand honours and Jean Randell the prize for low hands. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this news.

March 28 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 305, Pearl Cowen and Vi Howell tied at 271, Betty Wagar 244 and Bev Johnson 241. First representing the gents was Ida Young 340 then Kevin Maloney 302, Archie Ross 273 and our reporter Albert Foster 242. Maria Tschida won the main special prize with Bev Johnson, Ida Young and June Branning awarded the smaller ones while Kevin Maloney, Maria Tschida, Betty Wagar, Pearl Cowen, Pat Roussel and Bev Johnson had moonshots.

March 30 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Marion Stickwood and Shirley Morden with Yvonne Arbuthnot and Carol Bloor posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows were claimed by Mary Trumbull and Annah Buxcey with Carol Bloor also taking home the special prize. Betty Sharpe reminds that there will not be cards next week on Easter Monday.

March 30 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson the news that Carol Murphy took top marks at 278 followed by Jim 275 and Sam

Gaudet 248. Diane Wigley won the draw while Carol Murphy and Vic Ballik had the moonshots.

March 30 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Howard Smith won for high hands, Nick Boekestyn for lone hands, Peter O'Reilly for low hands and Jean Randell for the special prize.

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Be sure to bring ALL documents and contact information.

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Haliburton County Farmers Market AGM and Vendors Meeting

Thursday April 16th, 7:PM
In the Common Room,
Minden Library and Cultural Center
(rear entrance)
156 Bobcaygeon Rd.



The guest speaker for the HCFMA AGM is Steve Bacon of Four Season Greens.

He and his wife, Sharon, established a very successful business in Pt. Sydney that since 2010 has produced a broad selection of sprouts for sale to local Muskoka customers.

Steve will share his passion for this nutritious product as well as the rationale and process for establishing their business, which is now also incorporating aquaponics.

In addition to being an inspiring story of increasing locally grown nutritious food, Steve's presentation will be of interest to current or aspiring producers who might consider sprouts as an introduction into agricultural production, or an expansion of current production.

Learn to navigate our health-care system

by JENN WATT
Editor

Those feeling confused about how the local health-care system are invited to attend a special information session on Tuesday, April 14.

Navigating the Health Care System will include presentations on the Family Health Team, Community Care Access Centre, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Community Support Services and long-term care.

"In my experience, in all of the areas I serve folks don't understand how the agencies work together, period," said Sheri McKeen, community education and outreach representative for the local CCAC.

"I think there are so many access points [to health care] — that makes it confusing," she said.

McKeen will be presenting on the services her organization offers including visiting nursing, personal support, therapy (physio, occupational, social work, nutrition, speech-language).

The event is being organized by the Haliburton County Service Providers Network and McKeen said the group decided to offer the information session partially because of the changes in health-care services in the last 12 months.

Due to a provincially mandated integration process, several community services were reshuffled under the umbrella of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which now includes a new department called Community Support Services.

"We thought it would be a great opportunity to

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I think there are so many access points [to health care] — that makes it confusing.

— SHERI MCKEEN

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highlight those changes and how people will navigate through the agencies," she said.

People should be aware of community supports before an illness or disability arises, she said. Often those in need don't know about what services are available to them when they need it.

Navigating the Health Care system takes place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14 at the Haliburton Legion and at 1:30 p.m. the same day at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon.

RSVP to Community Support Services at 705-457-2941. There will be snacks. Donations are appreciated, but not required.



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- Workers who have already received training will have TWO years (April 1, 2017) to complete an approved working from heights training program.
- This training will be valid for 3 years from date of completion.
- Contact the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at info@hchba.ca or call 705-457-6901 for more information.

'I Made It' to showcase students' work

Hammering, sawing and bending metal.

Most nights Fleming College student, Amanda Snider can be found working in the jewelry studio as she prepares for I Made It!, the end of semester art exhibition hosted by current students in full-time diploma and certificate programs at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

This one-day show will take place on April 25 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

"I'm really looking forward to the show," says 19-year-old Snider who is originally from Westport. "I'm excited to see other people's work and get the public's reaction to everything I have been creating over the last few months."

I Made It! provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents. The student-based initiative will feature a variety of media from winter semester students including painting and drawing, jewelry, glass blowing, digital design, mixed media and sculpture.

Artists will be available to discuss their works and answer questions.

Select works will be available for purchase. The exhibition is free of charge and open to all.

Join inspiring students for light refreshments as well as the opportunity to explore the unique and stimulating space that is the Haliburton School of the Arts.

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The one-day show at Haliburton School of the Arts is hosted by students in the full-time diploma and certificate programs. It offers spectators a chance to meet the artists, check out the work and buy selected items.



Earth Day forum to unite environment and economy

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a community forum on Earth Day. The forum aims to bring together like-minded people with an interest in the environment and economic development. Together, participants will take a local inventory of environmental products, services and programs, while identifying gaps and new business or program opportunities for the future.

"There are many groups in the Haliburton Highlands working hard to protect what is perhaps our most important asset – our natural environment," said Simon Payn, chairman of the communications and membership committee of the Land Trust. "So it makes sense for us to discuss how we can collaborate to better achieve our shared objectives."

Any business, organization or community group that has an interest in the local environment and economy is welcome to attend.

"The Chamber of Commerce is focused on improving our local economy, in collaboration with organizations like the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and our local business community," said Rosemarie Jung, manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. "Forums like this, that bring organizations and business together, have the potential to create exciting new partnerships that will benefit our local environment and the economy."

The forum will be facilitated by Jeff Kohl, a consultant with the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, and will take place on Wednesday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. The event is free, and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event is made possible in part through funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

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Career & Business Opportunities



Township of Algonquin Highlands
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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Deputy Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer. Reporting to the Chief Building Official, the Deputy-CBO/By-Law Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with provisions of the Ontario Building Code and all other relevant legislation and regulations while performing all aspects of the Building Department including efficient delivery of building inspections and septic inspections from the initial enquiry, examination of drawings and issuance of permits, through to compliance inspections and record keeping. The Deputy CBO/By-Law Officer acts as Chief Building Official when the CBO is absent or is unable to perform his/her duties.

The Deputy CBO/By-Law Officer is appointed as a By-Law Enforcement Officer and may investigate complaints and enforce municipal by-laws under the supervision and direction of the Chief Building Official.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Certified Building Code Official (CBCO) designation.
- Successful completion of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing courses: Small Buildings, Plumbing All Buildings, Building Services, Building Structural, Complex Buildings, CBO Legal and Part 8 On-Site Sewage.
- Minimum of 3 to 5 years' experience in building and septic inspections as well as with by-law enforcement in a municipal environment.
- Demonstrated experience and an understanding of local government.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical and communication skills.
- Superior customer service skills.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Proficiency in the Office Suite of products or equivalent.
- Valid Ontario class G Driver's License and clean driver's abstract.

Salary Range: \$27.45 – \$30.89/hour (35 hours/week)

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The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

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- Registered Professional Planner (RPP) designation is preferred.
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- Proficiency and experience with word processing (MS Word), spreadsheets (MS Excel), presentation (MS PowerPoint), database. Familiarity with ArcGIS and AutoCAD.
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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Full-time Permanent Position

HHHS is also looking for an energetic and self-motivated individual wishing to join the multidisciplinary team and be responsible for the management of the physiotherapy aspects of the patient's care. This position completes the assessment, develops and implements the treatment plan, and changes or modifies the plan based on continuous evaluations. The successful candidate will be a graduate of a recognized University with a Degree/Diploma in Physiotherapy and registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario. Working knowledge of rehabilitation, orthopedics, neurology, sports medicine is preferred, as is membership with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

If interested in either of these opportunities, please submit a resume in confidence by
April 9, 2015 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398

www.hhhs.ca

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Thank you for the excellent care received from EMS, Minden Emergency, Ross Memorial Hospital and Dr. Paul Voorhoeve. Thanks also to my daughters and all family members for their caring support.

The many cards and best wishes from neighbours and friends were greatly appreciated and helped to bolster my spirits through my recovery.

I am happy to report I am now recuperating at home.

Mabel Deacon



650 OBITUARIES

Stanley Hilliard Bailey

It is with love and sorrow that we say goodbye to the leader of our family in his 90th year. Hill was a loving husband for sixty-five years of Ruth (nee Varnell) and adored father of his four children David (Kathy), John (Heather), Ken (Nancy) and Kathy (Ken Kryklywy). He was a fun loving Grandpa to his grandchildren and proud Great Grandpa of six great grandchildren.

"To live on in the lives of those we love is never to die"



650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Frederick Patullo

After a long and wonderful life, Fred passed away peacefully on March 27, 2015 at the age of 91.



Beloved husband of the late Rachel "Rae" Cummings. Much loved father of the late Donald "Don" and Anne, with Wolfgang Schroth of Glattbach, Germany. Adored grandpa to his cherished granddaughter, Alexandra. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Fred was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland to John and Isabella (Wissert) on August 3rd, 1923. He was an only child until his mother remarried Sandy Wallace, who was a widower with four children. He had an enjoyable childhood in Scotland. Fred was a WWII Veteran, working as a wireless operator and air gunner. In 1947, he married his beloved wife Rachel "Rae" Cummings and in the same year their first child, Donald was born. Fred wanted a better life for his family, so he immigrated to Canada in 1954, living and working in Timmins, Ontario. Two of Rae's brothers and their families followed shortly thereafter. Later Fred and extended family relocated to Southern Ontario, to Mississauga, where his daughter Anne was born. In 1963, Fred bought a cottage in the Haliburton Highlands, on Black Lake, near Moore Falls. He loved the area and the great outdoors. When Fred turned 50, he and his family moved to Norland and opened Cross Roads Antiques. He and Rae owned and operated their local business for several decades and became active members in the community. Fred was honoured for his many years of service in the Norland Volunteer Fire Department. He loved and appreciated nature with all its unspoiled beauty. Fred cared deeply for all the creatures that entered his life and household throughout the years. After his daughter Anne married Wolfgang, he became a grandfather to Alexandra. He travelled frequently, first alongside Rae, and later alone to Germany, visiting Austria, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland.

At the end of 2009, Fred's health took a turn for worst. During the early spring of 2010, Fred became a resident of Hyland Crest in Minden. He has resided there, with the loving, professional and truly kind care of the many individuals working and volunteering there until his parting.

In keeping with Fred's wishes, cremation has taken place. Along with a Scottish Bagpiper, the immediate family will have a ceremony Celebrating Fred's Life at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Please visit the Book of Memories at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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In Loving Memory of

Kathleen "Kay" Marion Barrow

Passed away peacefully, after a courageous battle, at the South Lake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the age of 64.



Dearly beloved wife of Robert and beloved mother of Richard (Wendy). Loving grandmother to Justin (Brittany), Amelia, and Tahlia, and great grandmother of Dean, Daniel and Marie. Loving sister of Sandy, Bruce, Connie and predeceased by Dan. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Kay's Life in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Shawn Leonard Hagerman

With love and sadness the family of Shawn Hagerman announces his passing on March 27th, 2015. He went unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep during an afternoon nap at his home on Cranberry Lake at the age of 66.



Beloved husband of Dianne (nee Earle). Loving father of Adam (Dawn), Katharine (Hani), Abby Blythe (Greg) and granddad of Tessa. Dear brother-in-law of Ron (Heather), uncle to Diana (Jay), Lesley (Chad), Katelyn (Brian), Kelly-Lynne (Kelly), great uncle to Charlise (Andrew), Darcy (Amanda), Mattea (Mike), Sophie, Kaley and great great uncle to Harrison. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 for the Service to Celebrate Shawn's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow at the church downstairs. Cremation.

Memorial Donations to "the Friends of Algonquin Provincial Park" or to the 4 C's would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

John "Jack" Eldridge Johnston

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, March 23, 2015 in his 84th year.

Beloved husband of Sandra (2009), dear father of Peggy Trueman and predeceased by infant son Carmen. Loving grandpa to Adam, Mackenzie, Alex and Spencer. Dear brother of Don Johnston, Doris Watterworth, and Bill Johnston (Jane). Dear brother in law of Donna Larter, and Jim Pearsell (Penny). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, March 30, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of service to Celebrate Jack's Life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Larry Eric Hodgson

Passed away suddenly at home on March 21, 2015 at the age of 61.

Words cannot express how much Larry will be missed by wife Stephanie, children David (Jessie), Madison, Sierra (Michael) and Kelsey, siblings Lorraine (Barry) and Jeff (Christine) and countless others who he welcomed to his home and cottage.

To Larry, every setback only served as added motivation to squeeze the most out of life. He was a champion of accessibility, a relentless dreamer who was always excited to break ground on his next creation, and a lover of a towering bonfire surrounded by family and friends.

All are invited to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario on Friday, March 27th from 2:00 until 4:00 pm for a Celebration of Life. Dress comfortably and be ready to share your favorite memories of Larry.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.



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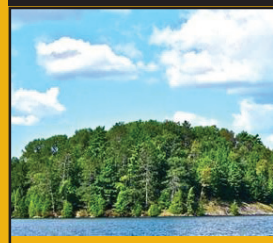
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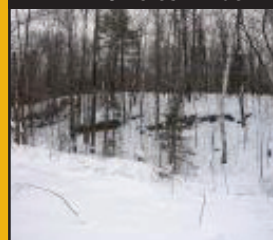
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- Spacious open concept year round cottage
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